

IDAHO BOARD OF MORTICIANS
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 4/24/2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James H. Opdahl - Chair
Craig L. Geary
David L. Hutton

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, Legal Counsel
Erin Anderson, Technical Records Specialist I

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM MDT by James H. Opdahl.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hutton made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/14/2014 and 2/27/2014. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence submitted by Dennis Haren. Mr. Haren is transferring funds deposited into a funeral trust account into a new funeral trust account as required by his bank. Mr. Hutton made a motion that Ms. Anderson respond to Mr. Haren instructing him have the bank conduct an MCA audit before and after the transfer and provide the audit information to the Board once the transfer is complete. This was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence submitted by Jim Lockes. Mr. Lockes had requested information regarding transporting human remains across state lines for cremation. Mr. Lockes also requested information on selling caskets to the public. Mr. Geary made a motion to authorize Mr. Ellsworth to draft a letter on behalf of the Chair to Mr. Lockes and suggest that he seek private legal advice. It was seconded by Mr. Hutton. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hutton made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. The vote was: Mr. Hutton, aye; Mr. Geary, aye; and Mr. Opdahl, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Geary made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Hutton. The vote was: Mr. Hutton, aye; Mr. Geary, aye; and Mr. Opdahl, aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Brett Edgerly. An MCA license held by Mr. Edgerly had recently been included in the Board's annual audit of this license. Mr. Edgerly informed the Board that he was no longer employed with the funeral establishment at which he had obtained the MCA license and had concern with replying correctly to the MCA audit. He also was unsure if he was authorized to maintain the MCA license. A motion was made by Mr. Hutton to direct Ms. Anderson to send to the licensee a letter inquiring if he had any activity in the audit period to report. Mr. Edgerly will also be informed that if he chooses to renew his MCA license, he may. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried. The Board requested that the matter of who holds the authority over an MCA license, the licensee or the funeral establishment, be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

The Board reviewed a request from a Mortician Resident Trainee for an extension to his trainee permit. A motion was made by Mr. Hutton to deny this request. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Hutton made a motion to approve the following applicants to take the state jurisprudence exam for licensure:

MORA-1355
MORA-1349

Mark Graziano
Lynn Erdmann

It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for 7/15/2014 and 7/16/2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Geary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 AM MDT. It was seconded by Mr. Hutton. Motion carried.

James H. Opdahl, Chair

Craig L. Geary

David L. Hutton

Tana Cory, Bureau Chief